

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~A system comprising:
an external image capturing apparatus; and
a strobe apparatus comprising:
a strobe module capable of providing light;
a power supply capable of supplying power to the strobe module;
a port capable of connecting and transmitting power from the power supply to
[[an]the external image-capturing apparatus;
a housing, the strobe module and the power supply being disposed in the housing;
and
a transformer in the housing and electrically connected to the power supply, the
strobe module, and the port, the transformer being capable of transforming an output voltage of
the power supply into a standard voltage of the strobe module and outputting the standard
voltage of the strobe module to the strobe module, the transformer being capable of transforming
the output voltage of the power supply into a standard voltage of the external image-capturing
apparatus and outputting the standard voltage of the external image-capturing apparatus to the
image-capturing apparatus via the port;
wherein the strobe apparatus is configured to send an identifier to the external image-
capturing apparatus, the identifier indicating a type of external strobe; and
wherein the external capture apparatus is configured to evaluate the identifier and to enter
one of an image capture mode and an image display mode according to a validity of the
identifier.

35-53. (Canceled)

54. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatussystem as in Claim 34, wherein the apparatus is configured to send data to the external image-capturing apparatus, the data indicating a quantity of power stored in the power supply.

55. (Canceled)

56. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatussystem as in Claim 55, wherein the apparatus is configured to receive an acknowledgement of the identifier from the external image-capturing apparatus.

57. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatussystem as in Claim 56, wherein the apparatus is configured to commence supplying power to the external image-capturing apparatus after receiving the acknowledgement.

58. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
a camera; and
an external strobe connectable to [[a]]the camera, the external strobe including a power supply, the external strobe configured to provide power from the power supply of the external strobe to the camera, the external strobe configured to send first data to the camera, the first data indicating a quantity of power stored in the power supply of the external strobe;
wherein the external strobe is of at least one type of external strobe;
wherein the external strobe is configured to send an identifier to the camera, the identifier indicating the at least one type of external strobe; and
wherein the camera is configured to evaluate the identifier and to enter one of an image capture mode and an image display mode according to a validity of the identifier.

59. **(Previously Presented)** The system as in Claim 58, wherein the external strobe includes a signal port; wherein the camera includes a signal port; and wherein the external strobe configured to send the first data to the camera via a data signal sent from the signal port of the external strobe to the signal port of the camera.

60. **(Canceled)**

61. **(Currently Amended)** The system as in Claim 58, ~~further comprising:~~
~~the camera;~~
wherein the external strobe is connected to the camera.

62. **(Previously Presented)** The system as in Claim 58, wherein the camera forms part of a mobile telephone.

63. **(Previously Presented)** The system as in Claim 58, wherein the camera forms part of a camcorder.

64. **(Currently Amended)** A system comprising:
a camera;
an external strobe connect~~[[able]]~~ed to ~~[[a]]~~the camera, the external strobe including a power supply, the external strobe configured to provide power from the power supply of the external strobe to the camera, the external strobe being of at least one type of external strobe, the external strobe configured to send an identifier to the camera, the identifier indicating the at least one type of external strobe;
wherein the camera is configured to evaluate the identifier and to enter one of an image capture mode and an image display mode according to a validity of the identifier.

65. **(Currently Amended)** The system as in Claim 64, wherein the external strobe is configured to receive an acknowledgement of the identifier from the camera.

66. **(Previously Presented)** The system as in Claim 65, wherein the external strobe is configured to commence supplying power to the camera after receiving the acknowledgement.

67. **(Currently Amended)** The system as in Claim 64, ~~further comprising:~~
the camera;
wherein the external strobe is connected to the camera.

68-74. **(Canceled)**